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## BOTTOM LANDS FLOODED

**Recurring Rain Keeps Waters Up. Acres of Wheat Lost Still Hope.**

For the third time since January the Chariton River has overflowed her banks, the present overflow being the most disastrous. Fortunately there was not as large crops of wheat as usual put out in the bottoms but from the Iowa line to the mouth of the Chariton, great damage was done to as fine prospect for a large crop of wheat, if not destroyed altogether, as ever grew on anybodys' land anywhere.

The lower part of all creeks were overflowed and while the flooding in both creeks and rivers has not been so great as at former times, the overflow has been such as to cause destruction for the third time in succession.

At the present writing the water is falling in all streams and much of the land which was planted to wheat and the crop destroyed, will be put in corn.

## High School Notes

A feeling of loneliness has come over nearly all our students and some of the teachers, occasioned by the fact that all the schools in the county have closed and this one still at it.

Miss Nell White made her first appearance Monday at school since she "took down" with a fever. She was a visitor.

The class in ornithology had a fine demonstration by a robin last week. The bird was building a nest. A string it intended to use in the construction got tangled with one foot and a limb. The bird toppled off the limb and hung by the string. Discovered and efforts to gain its perpendicular on the limb scientifically considered. One of the class, supposedly a boy, climbed the tree and cut off the limb. Robin taken to basement, treated to a libation and ablution and liberated.

Daily Dotson missed school last week on account of business and Will Arrington part of this week by sickness.

Prof. Cowles was in Columbia the latter part of last week.

Miss Marybeth Smith, a popular and handsome teacher visited the school Monday.

Geo. Hooper went to Triplett Saturday and has not been heard from since. It is thought some young lady friends and not homefolks are detaining him from his studies.

Quite a number of students attended commencement S. H. S. last week.

The graduating class desires that Rev. B. G. Rudd deliver the baccalaureate at commencement and he will be requested to favor the class by doing so.

Victor Williams, Soph. is mixing with the family Apidae. One of them will mix with his visage wrong and first some of these days and he will monkey no more with the business and of a buzzer. Victor captured an entire family on the road to school Tuesday.

Aver Voss, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss who formerly lived east of town, died Sunday from the effects of an operation for appendicitis at the hospital in Oskaloosa, Iowa. He was 13 years old and the main stay of his parents and his sudden death prostrated his mother. The many friends of the family here share in their sympathy for the stricken family.

## Worst Needed Bridge

It can hardly be that a bridge any where in the country is worse needed than one across the big ditch between this city and Salisbury. For some time it has been too short at both ends and now its legs are undoubtedly too short and disaster is inevitable if it not replaced with a new one.

There is not a road in the country more traveled than is this highway and should the bridge tumble in, fortudately when there was no one crossing, it is a "Long way to Tipperary" and Timbuctu, from either east or west.

It is earnestly hoped that the County Court will not only give the matter serious consideration but do what appears imperative in the matter, if disaster is to be averted or at least, trade and travelers alike diverted from both Salisbury and the county seat.

## Triplett

Miss Mary Wires of Pattonsburg visited relatives here the first of the week.

Mrs. A. D. Carter of Bucklin is visiting her sister, Miss Nellie Brown who has been ill from typhoid fever for several weeks.

Miss M. Ann Allega of Keytesville visited Miss Frances Dempsey the latter part of the week.

J. C. Bowman spent a few days last week with his sister, Mrs. I. H. McKittrick, who has been seriously ill at Salisbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Johnson of Forest Green visited at the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. L. L. Brown Sunday.

Miss Grace Zimmerman left Saturday for her home at Warrenton, Mo. She will return to teach in the high school here next fall.

Quite a number of people from here attended "The Birth of a Nation" which was shown at Chillicothe Monday and Tuesday nights and at Brookfield Wednesday and Thursday nights.

A. D. Carter and P. C. Roberts of Bucklin were Triplett visitors Tuesday.

Mesdames Clay Marsh, Frank Fleetwood and Jim Shipp were Brunswick visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. A. D. Stevens of New Hampton is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Hendrix Newman.

Miss Laura Green is visiting her mother Mrs. A. O. Green at Excelsior Springs.

Misses Grace Beuefiel, Rose Breid and C. P. Dickinson of Fulton are visiting at the home of J. H. Hooper.

Mesdames Elmer Klee and J. A. Triplett and Wm Wohlgermuth and Martin Triplett and Cecil Daniels went to Kansas City to hear Billie Sunday.

Misses Nora and Bertha Cuddy and brother J Cuddy of Keytesville visited at the home of J. H. Hooper the latter part of last week.

Miss Courtney Jackson, a teacher in the high school here for the past four years left Saturday for her home at Huntsville. We are very sorry Miss Jackson has decided not to return here next fall.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. McDonald of Stanberry visited at the home of E. H. McDonald the first of the week.

Lloyd Fletcher left Tuesday for a visit in Kansas City. Sam Hampton and Oscar Elliot spent the first of the week in Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniels of Centuria are visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. E. H. McDonald.

## MEMORIAL DAY

Before many years are past there will be no veterans of our Civil War left alive. There will be no pathetic yet stirring parades of feeble old men, walking to the music of fife and drum. There will be no patriotic Memorial Day exercises at which a soldier of the Civil War is the speaker. The Grand Army posts will be made over to the Sons of Veterans.

It is to be hoped that Memorial Day will allways be precious to the people of the country. Most earnestly it is to be hoped that its significance shall never be diminished through the sacrifice on the battlefield of another generation of Americans. But most precious of all Memorial Days should be those whose deeds we commemorate and whose graves we decorate still walk before our eyes, still speak to us.

The South does not celebrate the same Memorial Day with the North; it has its own days for paying tribute to its soldier dead. Yet the South has no reason after the lapse of fifty years to regret the triumph of that cause for which so many Union soldiers perished. South and North, we are one people; our interest are mutual and common, and could only thrive so long as we remained one nation. That Abraham Lincoln's vision was true the people of the South are to-day willing to concede.

What is it that we celebrate on Memorial Day? Is it not above all else the loyalty of Americans to America—a loyalty that cemented with blood and tears the union of our people? On the Fourth of July we celebrate the principle of loyalty.

Our remembrance for one day of the service of the dead is valuable only if it inspires in us, the living, their spirit of devotion. We may not be called, as they were, to offer our lives in order that the nation may survive. It is no timorous or unworthy spirit that makes us pray that we may never be subjected to the test that they so nobly met. When we look to Europe and see the nations there in a life-and-death struggle more horrible, more cruel, than any that the world has ever known, all that we can be sure of in human nature is that its courage is inextinguishable, and that the time will never come when men will not die for what they believe in. There is no difference in valor among the nations. Those who believe that our people would be afraid to fight in defense of their liberty and their honor utterly misconceive, not merely our people, but human nature.

Loyalty to America—that is the theme for this Memorial Day as for no other since that sacred anniversary was established. There is scarcely a day in the year when in one way or another we are not concerned with the question of rights and privileges; let Memorial Day be that on which we take special thought of our duties. If there are any among us who have come to regard lightly the claim of the nation upon them, or to doubt the response that American citizens would make to a summons from their country, let them think, on this Memorial Day, when the old men pass and the flag goes by, what it all means. It should be a sign to them—not to be mistaken—that a nation that remembers and reveres the utmost expression of loyalty that its sons could give is still sound at heart and faithful to its ideals, and will tolerate no effort to disrupt it.—Youths Campanian.

## TO ALL SUBSCRIBERS.

On and after **JULY 1, 1916** the subscription price for the Chariton Courier will be **\$1.50 THE YEAR**. All who pay before that time will get the year for \$1.00, but payment to some date beyond July 1, 1916 will be necessary to get the paper for the year at that rate.

The immense increase in the price of print paper and the hint that it may soon be hard to get at any price within the reach of small publishers, together with great advance in everything else connected with printing, makes it imperative that either the price of the paper be advanced, its size cut down or half of it patent print, neither of which is agreeable to us, but we prefer to advance the price to adopting either of the other alternatives.

You can readily see the advantage to you in paying ahead.

Every subscriber six months in arrears will be cut off our list July 1.

Herring Pharmacy Assigned Thursday of last week the Herring Pharmacy assigned to H. B. Richardson and G. T. Meyer for the benefit of creditors. Extensive credit and slow collections were responsible for the failure.

Jas. Bozarth of Salisbury, assisted by E. W. Herring, Luther Wright and Miss Brown began inventory Monday.

Rev. H. T. Guthrie will preach at the Presbyterian church Sunday May 28th, morning and evening. All members of the church are especially requested to be present.

On account of space we had to leave out some items.

Mrs. Claib Franklin had the misfortune to lose 30 young chickens Wednesday. Chiggers got on them and to powder them up properly she put them in a large iron tub. On leaving them there for a time she found on her return that they had all been smothered by the heat.

Now and then we see a man moving out of town with a can of bait in his hand and two fish poles on his shoulder, but we never see him return. Must come in after dark.

## THE EUROPEAN WAR

**Alternate Successes At Verdun Germans Capture Many Peace Talk**

Fierce fighting along a 300 mile line is still on and while the French have recaptured some trenches, the Germans have taken many prisoners. Austrians have about surrounded the Italian army and Italy is urged to declare war on Germany because the Kaiser visited the commander of the Austrian forces.

Talk of peace is freely indulged in both great Britain and France and Germans indicate that they would not be averse to it being established if conditions were at all favorable to their interests.

## Mexico

More troops to the border and those in Mexico trying to get out before being hemmed. Villa bands are being formed in the rear of our regiments undertaking to reach the border or to get further into the country in pursuit of the bandit most wanted, and Carranzistas are vehement in their demands that we get out of Mexico altogether.

We are in excellent position for being forced into intervention and that no satisfactory realizations can be ours until we do go in and straighten matters out nearly all agree; then the sooner the quicker.

## Fuller To Pen

Chief deputy Gardner left Monday afternoon for Jefferson City with Bob Fuller to turn him in to begin his four year sentence for being mixed badly in the chicken stealing gang in the neighborhood of Mike. Jim Worsham went along as guard, the court having ordered an extra to go along.

The parent teacher association meets in the assembly room of the school building Thursday night, June 1. An excellent program is being prepared. All and especially parents are invited to attend. A silver offering will be taken.

Waddy Phelps, the intrepid, non-squenchable, omnipresent and optimistic hustler for the Kansas City Star and his two charming daughters, Misses Marguerite and Elouise and their visitor, Miss Merle Myers of LaPlata, were visitors here Saturday.

Photographs of the many positions mowers of lawns take would make good screen stuff. On of the fattest men in town has the largest lawn in town and shoves a mower more gracefully than any one else whom we have witnessed.

Chas. P. Thrash was reminded Wednesday by receipt of a congratulatory letter from his daughter Miss Lula, that he was that day 61 years old. He neither looks nor feels past three scores and may, like Rockefeller, take to golf in 25 or 30 years more when he gets tired of active life.

Wakefield Martindale died Wednesday at the County Infirmary aged 79 years and was taken to his old home at Sumner Thursday afternoon for burial. The old man entered the infirmary about three months ago a victim of renal disease and aged as he was, there was no hope for his recovery. His step-son, Wake Loveless looked after the interment of the old man, Mr. Thorne of the Thorne & Son firm of Sumner coming for the remains and attending to funeral arrangements.

## Salisbury Scribblings

Prof. Claude Duff, teacher at Kirksville Normal is home for his vacation.

Homer Bowman of Texas is here to see his sister whose illness last week was critical, but who is now on the road to recovery.

Henry Streigel, who is at a Moberly Hospital is reported improving from an attack of blood poison.

Y. C. Blakey, octogenarian, and pioneer citizen of Chariton county, died at his home in Shannondale Wednesday morning, after a brief illness of old age and complications as a result thereof.

For many years deceased lived on his farm south of town, but becoming too feeble to continue agricultural pursuit, he moved to this place where he made his home until the first of last March when he moved to Shannondale to be near his children. He was a splendid man, full of faith and good works, a life time member of the Christian church, a good husband and kind, indulgent father. He leaves a wife, one son and three daughters with a great host of friends. Funeral services will be conducted from the church at Shannondale, by Eld. J. M. Ramsey, Thursday at 2 o'clock p. m.

Mrs. J. B. Parks, whose serious illness we mentioned last week passed the crisis and is slowly recovering, to the great delight of all her friends.

Mrs. C. C. Hammond of Mexico was here for a week end visit, mixed with business.

The two story wood building in the rear of the store of Billy Potts, on West Broadway, the last of the old land marks, is being dismantled and will be converted into a one story shop and ware house. When we came here 36 years ago, both sides of Broadway were lined with wooden rows, but this is the last, and with it goes many old time memories.

Mrs. Ida Branham and her sister, Mrs. Sommerville of Columbia made a week end visit here since our last returning on Monday.

Eli Shire and daughter, Miss Ruth of Lincoln, Nebr., were here the first of the week on a visit.

Elmer Powell and family left for Denver Tuesday to join Mrs. Powell, already there, where they will make their future home.

J. Kelly Pool, candidate for Sec. of State, was here Monday in the interest of his candidacy. He looks like a winner.

Noah Anderson, colored, aged 77, a barber of this place, but of late years an inmate of the soldiers home at Leavenworth, died here this week of old age and a complication of diseases, incident thereto. Noah was a pioneer barber here and was the last colored barber to shave white people, a common custom many years ago, but now obsolete.

Dr. H. C. Sweeney has returned from Kansas City where he has been attending a dental college and will spend at least a part of his vacation at home.

Jim Reed, son of Ollie Reed, colored, aged 23, died here the latter part of the week and remains were interred in the City cemetery. For some years deceased was a victim of lung trouble, and gradually declined until death claimed him. He was a good average boy and his early demise is regretted.

Balance of these items next week.